STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Senate

General Assembly

File No. 313

February Session, 2022

Substitute Senate Bill No. 324

Senate, April 5, 2022

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY TITLE 7 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to review title 7 of the general statutes and make legislative
- 3 recommendations to revise said title for clarity and streamline
- 4 municipal processes.
- 5 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 6 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
- 7 who shall be a member of the joint standing committee of the General
- 8 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
- 9 administration;
- 10 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
- 11 shall be a representative of the Connecticut Conference of
- 12 Municipalities;

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13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of 14 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut 15 Council of Small Towns;

- 16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be 17 a representative of a regional council of governments;
- 18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of 19 Representatives, who shall be a member of the joint standing committee 20 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to 21 government administration;
- 22 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be 23 member the Connecticut Advisory Commission 24 Intergovernmental Relations;
- 25 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing 26 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 27 relating to planning and development, or their designees; and
- 28 (8) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the 29 secretary's designee.
- 30 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later 31 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall 32 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 33 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General 34 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and 35 development shall serve as the chairpersons of the task force. Such 36 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which 37 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this 38 section.
- 39 (e) The task force may seek the advice and participation of any 40 person, organization or state or federal agency it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The task force may retain 42 consultants to assist in carrying out its duties.

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(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

(g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a task force to review title 7 of the general statutes and make legislative recommendations to revise said title for clarity and streamline municipal processes. The task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Planning and Development Committee by January 1, 2024.

This has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/18/2022)